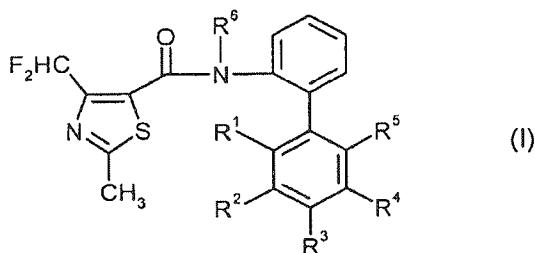


*Amendments to the Claims*

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Currently amended ): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of the formula (I)



in which

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl; or represent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkylthio, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

R<sup>6</sup> represents -COR<sup>7</sup> or -CONR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>,

R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl; represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl, and

R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> independently of one another represent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl; or represent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl, and

alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> independently of one another represent hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or isopropylthio, cyclopropyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, difluorochloromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, difluoromethylthio, difluorochloromethylthio, or trifluoromethylthio,

R<sup>6</sup> represents -COR<sup>7</sup> or -CONR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>,

R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl; represents C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl, and

R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> independently of one another represent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl; or represent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  independently of one another represent hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, methyl, methoxy, methylthio, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethylthio, or trifluoromethylthio,

$R^6$  represents  $-COR^7$  or  $-CONR^8R^9$ ,

$R^7$  represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, tert butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, tert butoxy, cyclopropyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, methoxymethyl or 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl, and

$R^8$  and  $R^9$  independently of one another represent methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl.

Claim 21 (Previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which four of the radicals  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  represent hydrogen.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  each represent hydrogen, and

$R^3$  represents hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylsulfonyl, or  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl; or represents  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylthio, or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

$R^2$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  each represent hydrogen, and

$R^1$  and  $R^3$  independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylsulfonyl, or  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl; or represent  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylthio, or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

$R^1$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  each represent hydrogen, and

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylsulfonyl, or  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl; or represent  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylthio, or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

$R^1$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^5$  each represent hydrogen, and

$R^2$  and  $R^4$  independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylsulfonyl, or  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl; or represent  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylthio, or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

$R^6$  represents  $-COR^7$ , and

$R^7$  represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1, 3-thiazol-2-yl.

Claim 27 (Currently amended) A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

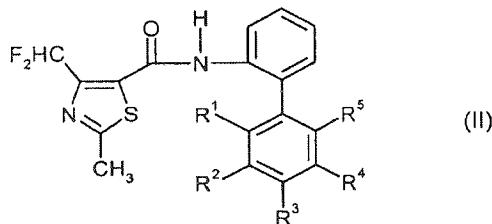
$R^6$  represents  $-COR^7$ , and

$R^7$  represents methyl, ethyl, cyclopropyl, or trifluoromethyl methoxymethyl.

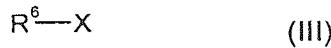
Claim 28 (Previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which  $R^6$  represents  $-CHO$ .

Claim 29 (Canceled)

Claim 30 (Previously presented): A process for preparing a thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 comprising reacting a thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (II)



in which R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined for formula (I) in Claim 18, with a halide of formula (III)



in which

R<sup>6</sup> is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 18, and

X represents chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

in the presence of a base and in the presence of a diluent.

Claim 31 (Previously presented): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more thiazolylbiphenylamides of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 32 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying an effective amount of one or more thiazolylbiphenylamides of formula (I) according to Claim 18 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 33 (Previously presented): A process for preparing compositions for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants.